

# Low-Cost Meals No-Cost Exercise Plan Food Budgeting Guide 

## Fitness is a State of Mind!

Let's face it. Everyone knows good nutrition and regular exercise can make you feel better-Yes, even look better.
This booklet, with its reduced calorie, 7 day menu, is designed to meet the Recommended Dietary Allowances for women 19 to 50 years of age for all leading nutrients except iron. Fitness Forever On A Budget emphasizes the importance of a nutritionally adequate menu plan and a sensible exercise program.
With minimal effort, a dash of persistency and a cup of determination you can improve your eating habits as well as your physical condition.
There's no need to invest in expensive equipment to tone up lazy muscles.
And, by taking advantage of basic food buys, you can enjoy delicious, nutritious meals and still keep your budget in line.
Yes! It can be done. To show the way, our experts, Susanne Cheung, M.S., R.D. and Ruth Bowling, M.P.H., R.D., have planned seven daily menus that are not only super tasty but they're economical, too! Each menu is calorie counted yet offers 3 well balanced meals containing the nutrients necessary for good health.

Daily menus average 1400 calories per day. Men and growing youngsters can enjoy these meals, but other foods, as well as increased portion sizes, should be added to increase the caloric and nutrient level. Be sure that children and teenagers get their daily share of milk to meet their growing bodies' need for calcium. It is suggested that women include an iron supplement with this menu plan.
This reduced calorie diet plan includes wholesome milk because milk is extremely nourishing in relation to its caloric content. Best of all, milk is a very economical buy when one considers the nutrient density (ratio of nutrients to calories).
Milk belongs in a fitness plan because it is a major source of calcium and provides high quality protein. It is also rich in riboflavin, vitamin $\mathrm{B}_{12}$, phosphorus, vitamins A and D as well as other important nutrients.
Our exercise physiologist, William J. Stone, Ed.D., has created a sensible exercise program that can benefit all age groups and guide you toward a healthier, happier life. Consult your physician before beginning this or any other diet/exercise plan.
Make up your mind to start today on the road to Fitness Forever.


## Save Calories and Dollars

You'll love to serve these delicious meals to your whole family; you eat recommended servings-they eat more.
These menus offer great variety and are cost calculated on major ingredients to help stretch those food dollars while enjoying well balanced, nutritious meals. Start each day with a nutritious breakfast. It will help you feel better and may even improve your performance.
Calories are calculated on individual servings and on whole milk.
Each lunch in this 7 day guide is ready to travel for away from home enjoyment. Suggestion for brown baggers: Prepare foods in the morning or night before. Keep hot food hot and cold food cold by using a wide mouth thermos.
Buy a handy carton of milk where you eat. Milk helps balance meals.

## Day One

BREAKFAST
308 calories
Whole Wheat Flakes (1 cup)
Apple Sauce ( $1 / 2$ cup, unsweetened)
Milk (8 oz.)
LUNCH
432 calories
Hot Beef Bouillon ( 1 cup)
Vegetable Dip ( $1 / 4$ cup) [mix 1 cup lowfat cottage cheese, $1 / 3$ cup yogurt, $1 / 3$ cup mayonnaise, 1 tbsp . onion flakes, 1 tbsp. parsley flakes, 1 tsp. dill weed, $1 / 2$ tsp. celery seed, and $1 / 4 \mathrm{tsp}$. salt. Refrigerate 1 to 2 hours before serving.] Serves 4 .
Assorted Raw Vegetables ( $11 / 2$ cups, e.g. green pepper, green beans, summer squash, etc.)
Crackers (4)
Milk (8 oz.)
DINNER
605 calories
*Cantonese Chicken Stir-Fry (1 serving)
Steamed Fluffy Rice ( $1 / 2$ cup)
Citrus Salad with Yogurt Dressing
( $1 / 2$ cup salad with 1 tbsp. dressing) [combine 1 cup grapefruit sections, 1 cup orange sections, and 1 tbsp . grated orange peel. Dressing: Blend together 2 tbsp . toasted sesame seed, 2 tbsp. honey, $1 / 8$ tsp. salt, and 1 carton ( 8 oz .) plain lowfat yogurt. Combine fruit mixture with dressing. Cover and chill for one hour. Place $1 / 2$ cup mixture in individual serving dish; sprinkle each with 1 tsp. toasted almond slivers.] Serves 4. Whole Wheat Roll (1 roll with 1 tsp. butter)

## 1,345 Total Calories

## *CANTONESE CHICKEN STIR-FRY

1 whole chicken breast, deboned, skinned, sliced into strips
$11 / 2$ tbsp. soy sauce
2 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. sherry or chicken broth dash of pepper
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
3 green onions, cut into 1 -inch pieces
2 cups diagonally sliced celery
2 cups sliced fresh broccoli or
snow pea pods
2 cups fresh bean sprouts
1 tbsp. minced fresh ginger or 1 tsp. ground ginger
$1 / 4$ cup chicken broth
Combine chicken with soy sauce, cornstarch, sherry or broth, and pepper; marinate $1 / 2$ hour. Heat oil in wok or large skillet; stir-fry chicken and onions for 5 minutes. Add celery, broccoli, or pea pods, bean sprouts, and ginger; stirfry for 10 minutes. Add broth; cover, heat 2 minutes. Serve over rice. Serves 4.

[^0]This symbol denotes prior preparation is necessary.

Poached Egg (1)
English Muffin (1 toasted with 1 tsp. butter)
Tomato Juice ( 4 oz .)

## LUNCH

443 calories
Open Faced Peanut Butter Sandwich (spread 2 tbsp. chunky peanut butter on 1 slice whole wheat bread. Top with 2 slices peeled fresh orange or apple.)
Marinated Cucumber Slices ( $1 / 2$ cup cucumbers with 1 tbsp. low calorie Italian salad dressing)
Milk (8 oz.)

## DINNER

681 calories
*Vegetable "Lasagna" (1 serving)
Garlic Toast (1 slice French bread, spread with 1 tsp . butter mixed with dash of garlic powder)
Lemon Ice Cube ( 2 tbsp.) [mix $1 / 4$ cup undiluted lemonade concentrate with $1 / 4$ cup water and $1 / 2$ tsp. grated lemon peel. Freeze in ice cube tray.] Serves 4.
Milk (8 oz.)

## 1,423 Total Calories

## *VEGETABLE "LASAGNA"

$1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. lean ground beef
$1 / 2$ cup chopped onion
$1 / 2$ cup chopped green pepper,
fresh or frozen
1 clove garlic, crushed
18 oz . can tomatoes
18 oz . can tomato sauce
$1 / 4$ cup chopped fresh parsley (or 2 tbsp. dried parsley flakes)
1 tsp. crushed oregano
1 tsp. crushed basil
$1 / 2$ tsp. salt
$11 / 2$ cups lowfat cottage cheese
1 egg
1 large zucchini or 3 medium, cut
lengthwise into 9 slices, about $1 / 4$ inch thick, partially cooked or 1 large eggplant, sliced lengthwise, partially cooked 1 cup ( 4 oz .) shredded Mozzarella cheese

Cook ground beef, onion, green pepper, and garlic in large saucepan until meat is brown; drain off fat. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, $1 / 2$ parsley, oregano, basil, and salt. Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally; reduce heat, simmer, uncovered, 1 hour. Mix together cottage cheese, egg and remaining parsley. In ungreased 8 -inch square baking dish, spread thin layer of meat sauce. Layer $1 / 3$ each of zucchini, sauce, Mozzarella cheese, and cottage cheese mixture. Repeat twice. Bake, uncovered, at $350^{\circ}, 45$ minutes. Let stand 15 minutes. Serves 4.

Vegetables are low-calorie, delicious, inexpensive, and they'll add fiber to your diet. When you're watching that budget consider lentils, beans and soybeans as well as the more popular vegetables, in season.
Try steamed vegetables. They are delicious. Simply suspend food over boiling water so steam from the water does the cooking. There are many steaming utensils available or you can improvise by placing a colander in a Dutch oven.

## DollarWise Shopping Guide

There are many bargains in the supermarket and smart shoppers know how to trim that food budget by careful planning and shopping. Here are a few reminders.

- Read newspaper food ads and include specials in your weekly menus. Stock up on sale items.
- Make a shopping list and stick to it. Plan to shop after eating so unnecessary impulse items won't tempt you.
- Compare prices. Sometimes two-stop shopping can help you save.
- Use coupons for items you buy regularly. Attach coupons to your shopping list. They won't save money if left at home.
- Packing your own lunch can help save money and you can ensure a more nutritious meal.
- Use unit pricing, if available. The largest size is not always the best buy.
- Consider private label or generic brands when purchasing basic items. Nutritionally similar-generally less expensive.
- Buy seeds, nuts and dried fruits loose by the pound instead of packaged.
You can make your own snack mix.
- Buy rice and grains in bulk.
- Use fruit as garnish if it is too expensive as a full serving.

NOTE: Real dairy foods are your assurance of nutritional integrity and offer cooking consistency. Look for the "REAL" Seal on the package.


## Walk your way tofitness!

Brisk walking is one of the best, low cost, aerobic exercises. No fancy equipment is necessary-just comfortable fitting shoes, preferably with good arch support.
Aerobic exercise conditions the heart, lungs and blood vessels. Brisk walking or striding is an ideal method of starting an aerobic program because it involves good posture, deep breathing and good heart-lung activity.
Well, what do you know? You've been exercising right along simply by walking. Wrong! To attain aerobic benefits

you must stride or walk briskly for extended periods. To get started walking aerobically, construct your own progress level. Take it easy at first and gradually, over a period of several weeks, increase your activity within your limitations. (See chart.)
While walking, breathe deeply and take long, easy strides with arms swinging loosely. Keep the head erect and shoulders back. Land on the heel of your foot and roll forward to drive off the ball of the foot.
Walking is fun and you'll feel better for it.
If you find jogging, swimming or jumping rope more to your liking - go for it. Aerobic dancing is another very popular exercise activity you can do in your own home. Check with your physician before you start this or any other exercise program.
Fitness Forever is based on a lifestyle that combines regular exercise and a nutritionally balanced diet plan. You want to feel your very best forever, so, build in the few minutes required, each day, to achieve your goals. It's worth it. And, so are you.
Professional athletes warm up. You should warm up.
Before you step out-stretch those muscles. Breathe deeply. 5 to 10 minutes of warm ups can help you avoid straining those sleepy muscles.
Commit yourself, today. Start a Fitness Forever goal, now.

## Get ready. Get set.

Each exercise session should begin slowly, gradually increasing the vigor of the activity. The session should include:

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1. Warm up <br> 2. Aerobic activity <br> 3. Cool-down
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Warm up with these breathing/stretching exercises.

1. DEEP BREATHING Inhale fully as you raise arms from front to overhead position. Lower arms to your sides while exhaling fully. Repeat 10 times

2. TRUNK TWIST With arms fully extended laterally, feet part, rotate torso fully left, return Rotate fully right. Repeat 10 times.
3. ALIERNAIE LEG LIFI Standing erect, raise right leg chest high, grasping with both arms while pulling toward body. If you have difficulty keeping your balance, grasp with right arm and steady yourself with your left hand on an object for support. Repeat with left leg. Alternate 5 times each leg

4. ALTERNATE FLOOR TOUCH Standing erect with feet apart, curl down at the waist. Place one hand down toward the floor between your feet, the other in the air, above your head. Rotate your shoulders back and forth as you touch the floor with alternate hands. Repeat 10 times, each hand.

5. FRONT STRETCH Stand straight, hands on hips Step forward on one leg. Hold and return to upright position Repeat 5 times for each leg Stretch those muscles.
6. JUMPING JACKS Stand with your feet together, hands at your sides. Jump up, spreading your legs wide and simultaneously clapping your hands overhead. Start at 10
counts.
Now you're ready for an invigorating walk in the great outdoors.
COOL-DOWN Repeat the above exercises as part of your cool-down session.
NOTE: Many communities offer low-cost fitness programs in their schools. Learn about these opportunities by calling your local high school, university, Parks and Recreation De partment or YMCA.

Here's a 3 month starter program offering guidelines to get you on the road to fitness

## Aerobic Fitness Guide

Brisk walk, jog, jump rope or dance. But, do it regularly, gradually building up your capabilities.

| Week | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 5 | 5 |  | 10 | 10 (Min.) |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 10 |  | 15 |  | 20 |
| 3 | 20 | 20 |  | 25 | 25 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 25 | 25 | 30 | 30 |  |
| Month |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | $30-45$ minutes, 3-5 times per week. |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | $40-60$ minutes, 3-5 times per week. |  |  |  |  |

NOTE: Jumping rope should be about one half the recommended time above.

## DayThree

Oatmeal ( $3 / 4$ cup with 1 tbsp. raisins and 1 tsp. brown sugar)
Apricot Halves ( 3 halves packed in water or in heavy syrup, drained, rinsed)
Milk (8 oz.)

## LUNCH

622 calories
Crispy Chicken Wings (2) [beat 1 egg with 2 tbsp. milk. Coat 8 chicken wings in $1 / 4$ cup flour, $1 / 2$ tsp. salt, $1 / 2$ tsp. paprika, dash pepper. Dip in egg mixture. Roll in $1 / 2$ cup dry bread crumbs. Melt 2 tbsp. butter in baking dish at $425^{\circ}$. Roll chicken wings in melted butter. Brown 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to $375^{\circ}$. Bake 40 minutes or until done.] Serves 4.
Relishes ( 3 carrot sticks, 3 celery sticks, 4 radishes)
*Pineapple Carrot Bread (1 slice) Milk (8 oz.)

## DINNER

424 calories
Lemon Baked Fish ( 3 oz .) [place $3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$. red snapper or turbot fillets in single layer in baking dish. Combine 1 tbsp. melted butter, 4 tsp . lemon juice, 1 tsp. grated lemon rind, $1 / 8$ tsp. salt, $1 / 8$ tsp. rosemary, and dash of pepper; pour over fish. Bake at $350^{\circ}, 25$ minutes or until done.] Serves 4.
Oven-Baked Cornmeal Mush (2 slices) [stir 1 cup cornmeal into 1 cup cold water and $1 / 2 \mathrm{tsp}$. salt. In medium saucepan, bring 3 cups water to boil. Gradually stir into cornmeal mixture. Cover, cook on low heat, stirring constantly until thick. Cook, covered, 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour into loaf pan ( $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{1 / 22^{\prime \prime}}$ ); cover with wax paper, refrigerate overnight. Cut loaf into 16 slices. Pour 3 tbsp. melted butter into shallow baking
dish ( $9^{\prime \prime} \times 13^{\prime \prime}$ ). Place slices of cornmeal mush in single layer in dish. Bake at $350^{\circ}, 35$ minutes, turning slices over halfway through baking time.] Serves 8.
Chopped Broccoli ( $1 / 2$ cup)
Fresh Fruit in Season (1)

## 1,353 Total Calories

*PINEAPPLE CARROT BREAD
3 eggs
$1 / 2$ cup vegetable oil
$1 / 2$ cup butter, melted
$11 / 2$ cups sugar
2 tsp. vanilla
2 cups shredded carrots
18 oz . can undrained crushed pineapple
3 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
$11 / 2$ tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
$3 / 4$ tsp. nutmeg
$1 / 2$ tsp. baking powder
1 cup chopped nuts
$1 / 2$ cup raisins
Beat together eggs, oil, butter, sugar, and vanilla until foamy. Stir in carrots and pineapple. Add remaining ingredients; stir until just mixed. Pour into two buttered and floured loaf pans ( $81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ x $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ ). Bake at $325^{\circ}, 1$ hour. 2 loaves (16 slices per loaf).

Incidentally, a wide mouth thermos can be a long-term saver for lunch toters. They're ideal for salads, soups, stews and other hot or cold lunches.
Wise consumers cut cost by avoiding beverages and foods that are low in nutrients and provide litle more than calories. Get the most for your money. Be a label reader and compare values and nutrients before you buy.

## Milk-the economical, nutritious, convenience food.

It's hard to beat the smooth, natural taste of milk. Especially when it's served icy cold.
Best of all milk is still a very economical buy compared to many other protein foods. And, milk contains many of the nutrients needed in a nutritionally balanced diet and should be a very important ingredient in a weight control program.
Milk and dairy foods provide $72 \%$ of the calcium in the American diet. Milk also contains a host of other essential nutrients. U.S.D.A. statistics reveal that of the nutrients available in the U.S. food supply, milk and other dairy foods provide the following:
$36 \%$ of the riboflavin
$33 \%$ of the phosphorus
20\% of the magnesium $20 \%$ of the protein $18 \%$ of the Vitamin $\mathrm{B}_{12}$ $12 \%$ of the Vitamin A $11 \%$ of the Vitamin $\mathrm{B}_{6}$

While providing a wealth of nutrients, milk and dairy foods contribute only $10 \%$ of the calories in the American diet.
Shoppers Note: By planning meals a week in advance, you can do all of your shopping at one time. Obvious savings include time, gasoline and the opportunity to buy items in larger quantity at a better price. Also, fewer trips to the store help discourage tempting impulse buys.
Incidentally, milk stored below $40^{\circ}$ will stay fresh up to 10 days after the carton date.


## Day Four

BREAKFAST
341 calories
Bagel ( $1 / 2$ toasted)
Lowfat Cottage Cheese (2 tbsp.)
Banana ( $1 / 2$ small)
Milk (8 oz.)

## LUNCH

*Minestrone Soup (1 cup)
Pumpernickel Rye Bread (1 slice with 1 tsp. butter)
Apple (1)
Milk (8 oz.)

## DINNER

562 calories
Country Loaf ( 1 slice) [combine 1 lb . ground beef, pork, or turkey or combination of meats; 1 egg, beaten; 3 bread slices, torn into pieces; 2 tbsp. milk, $1^{1 / 2}$ tsp. Worcestershire sauce, $1 / 4 \mathrm{tsp}$. oregano, $1 / 4$ tsp. garlic powder, and $1 / 2$ tsp. salt. Finely chop 1 medium onion, 2 stalks celery, and 1 small carrot. Saute in 1 tbsp . butter until vegetables are soft. Add $1 / 4$ cup tomato juice. Place meat mixture in loaf pan ( $88^{1 / 2^{\prime \prime}} \times 4^{1 / 2^{\prime \prime}}$ ). Scoop out center of meat loaf and spoon in filling. Cover with remaining meat. Bake at $350^{\circ}, 1$ hour. Drain meat drippings before slicing.] Serves 4 .
Steamed Spinach Leaves ( $1 / 2$ cup fresh or frozen)
Whole Wheat Bread (1 slice with 1 tsp. butter)
Pineapple Chunks ( $1 / 2$ cup unsweetened or canned in its own juice)

## 1,476 Total Calories

## *MINESTRONE SOUP

$1 / 4$ cup celery
1 onion, chopped
2 tsp. vegetable oil
2 cups broccoli, chopped, fresh or frozen
2 carrots, cut in chunks
1 medium zucchini, sliced

2 medium potatoes, quartered
$1 / 2$ head cabbage, chopped
116 oz . can tomatoes
1 tbsp. dried or 2 tbsp. fresh parsley
1 tsp. crushed basil
$1 / 2$ tsp. crushed oregano
$1 / 4$ tsp. marjoram (optional)
$1 / 4$ tsp. salt
3 cups water
$11 / 2$ cups cooked kidney beans
1 cup uncooked macaroni
6 tbsp. Parmesan cheese
In large Dutch oven, cook onions and celery in oil until soft. Add vegetables, seasonings, macaroni and water. Bring to a boil, cover, simmer 30 minutes. Add kidney beans and simmer 15 minutes. Sprinkle each serving with 1 tbsp. Parmesan cheese. Serves 6.

## Calcium is a Lifetime Need

The maintenance of bones is a lifelong function and is not restricted to the young. Healthy regeneration of bones can occur only when there is ample calcium in the diet and regular exercise. Milk provides calcium and phosphorus in a desirable ratio to form bones in a process termed calcification. Bones, like any other tissue, need constant rebuilding. Two $8-\mathrm{oz}$. glasses of milk provide 600 milligrams of calcium. That's $75 \%$ of the amount recommended by nutritionists for an adult.
Although most of the calcium and phosphorus we consume is used to build bones, calcium is needed for blood clotting, normal muscle contraction and relaxation, (especially for pumping action of the heart) and normal nerve transmission.

| Food <br> Group | Recommended No. of Servings |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Child | Teenager | Adult | Pregnant <br> Women | Lactating <br> Women |
|  | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 |

1 serving $=8 \mathrm{oz}$. or 1 cup milk

Breakfast Sunshine Peach Frosty ( 1 1/2 cups) [whirl 1 ( 16 oz. ) can sliced peaches, canned in light syrup or water, drained, in blender 1 minute. Pour into large pitcher. Blend 1 pint peach yogurt, 1 peeled orange, 8 ice cubes, and 1 tsp . vanilla extract for a minute. Add to peaches. Stir in 2 cups milk.] Serves 4.
Whole Wheat Toast ( 1 slice with $1 / 2$ tsp. butter)

## LUNCH

417 calories
Vegetable Juice ( 4 oz .)
Exotic Tuna Salad Pocket Sandwich (1/2) [in bowl, mix together $1\left(6^{1 / 2} \mathrm{oz}\right.$.) can water packed tuna, drained; 3 green onions, minced; 2 tsp. minced, fresh cilantro or parsley (or $1 / 2$ tsp. dried); and $1 / 2$ tsp. fresh grated ginger or $1 / 8 \mathrm{tsp}$. ginger powder. Stir in 2 tbsp. sour cream, 1 tsp. each lemon juice and soy sauce, and mix well. Fill bottom of 4 large pocket bread halves with alfalfa sprouts. Top with $1 / 4$ of filling and garnish with sprouts.] Serves 4.


Jicama or Turnip Sticks and Green Pepper Strips (3 each) Milk (8 oz.)

## DINNER

631 calories
*Old-Fashioned Poí Roast with Vegetable Medley ( 3 oz . meat, 1 cup vegetables)
Tossed Salad with Creamy Herb Dressing ( 1 cup salad with 1 tbsp. dressing) [combine $1 / 4$ cup milk, $1 / 4$ cup sour cream, $1^{1 / 2}$ tsp. lemon juice, $1 / 2$ tsp. dried parsley flakes, $1 / 4 \mathrm{tsp}$. dried oregano, $1 / 4 \mathrm{tsp}$. dried basil, $1 / 8$ tsp. salt, and dash pepper. Chill for at least 1 hour.] Serves 8 .
Hard Roll (1 roll with 1 tsp. butter) Milk (8 oz.)

## 1,381 Total Calories

## *OLD-FASHIONED POT ROAST WITH VEGETABLE MEDLEY

12 lb . beef rump or chuck roast
2 tbsp. flour
$1 / 4$ tsp. salt
$1 / 2$ tsp. thyme
dash pepper
$1 / 4$ tsp. dry mustard
2 tbsp. butter
1 clove garlic, minced
1 bay leaf
1 celery stalk
1 cup beef bouillon
$1 / 2$ cup red wine or beef bouillon
1 tsp . Worcestershire sauce
6 large carrots, peeled, cut into chunks
6 large turnips, peeled, quartered
6 large onions, peeled, quartered
Rub meat with flour, salt, thyme, pepper, and dry mustard. Melt butter in Dutch oven; add meat, brown on both sides. Reduce heat; add garlic, bay leaf, celery stalk, bouillon, wine and Worcestershire sauce. Cover; simmer $1 / 2$ hour, turning meat every 15 min . Add carrots, turnips and onions; continue cooking 45 minutes or until tender. Serves 8.

## Day Six

## BREAKFAST

323 calories
Whole Wheat Pancake ( 14 -inch)
Fresh Fruit Sauce ( $1 / 4$ cup) [pour 2 tbsp. water over 2 tbsp. raisins; let stand until raisins are plump. Combine 2 ripe bananas, $1 / 2$ orange, juice of $1 / 2$ lemon, and raisins in blender; blend until smooth.] Serves 4.
Milk (8 oz.)

## LUNCH

415 calories
Shredded Beef Tacos (2) [use meat and vegetables leftover from Old Fashioned Pot Roast in Day Five. In saucepan, combine $1 / 2$ cup cooked, shredded beef, $1 / 2$ cup chopped, cooked vegetables, $1 / 4$ cup broth and $1 / 8 \mathrm{tsp}$. crushed red chili. Simmer, covered, 20 minutes. Fill each taco shell with 2 tbsp. meat mixture. Top each with 2 tbsp. shredded lettuce, 1 tbsp. shredded cheddar cheese and 1 tbsp. salsa.] Serves 4 Tapioca Pudding ( $1 / 2$ cup)

DINNER
752 calories
*Squash 'n Chicken Skillet ( 1 serving) Crunchy Coleslaw (1 cup) [in large bowl, layer $1 / 2$ head shredded green cabbage, $1 / 2$ cup chopped green pepper, and 1 medium onion, cut into rings; sprinkle 2 tbsp. 'sugar over top. In saucepan, combine $1 / 4$ cup white vinegar, 2 tbsp. vegetable oil, 1 tsp. sugar, 1 tsp. salt, $1 / 2$ tsp. celery salt, and $1 / 2$ tsp. dry mustard; mix well. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Pour over slaw cover, refrigerate, at least 4 hours. To serve, toss slaw to mix well.] Serves 4.
Whole Wheat Roll (1) Fresh Fruit in Season (1) Milk (8 oz.)

## SQUASH 'N CHICKEN SKILLET

1 chicken fryer, cut into 8 pieces
$1 / 4$ cup seasoned flour
2 tbsp. butter
4 cups squash, sliced or cubed
1 large onion, sliced into rings
1 large tomato, chopped
1 tsp. salt
$1 / 2$ tsp. crushed basil
$1 / 4$ tsp. marjoram, optional
$1 / 4$ tsp. dried chives, optional
$1 / 4$ tsp. pepper
$1 / 4$ tsp. paprika, optional
Coat chicken with seasoned flour. In large skillet, melt butter; add chicken. Cook 10 minutes or until brown on all sides. Remove chicken. In skillet, cook squash and onion 5 minutes. Return chicken to skillet; add tomato. Add all remaining ingredients except paprika. Reduce heat to low; cook, covered, 40 minutes or until done. Sprinkle with paprika. Serves 4
Attention dieters: You can lose weight by burning more calories than you eat or adjust your eating pattern to below your activity level. The successful way to lose fat is to combine a sensible exercise program with a modified calorie menu plan.


## Away from Home Meals can be Nutritious and Economical, too!

If you think you are saving money when children take lunches from home rather than buying them at school, think again. School menus include popular food items from the U.S.D.A. basic food groups. The meals are tasty, nutritious and extremely reasonable.

The following figures from U.S.D.A.* compare school and bag lunches of similar nutritional value as well as typical fast food outlets.

## SCHOOL LUNCH

Turkey sandwich on a roll, carrot and celery sticks, fresh fruit and milk
Cost . ........................ $\$ 0.75$

## BROWN BAG LUNCH

The same lunch, prepared at home with milk purchased at school.
Cost . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$1.05


## SCHOOL LUNCH

## (High School)

One (1) quarter pound hamburger, french fries, lettuce and tomato or fresh fruit and milkshake.
Cost . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 1.00$

## FAST FOOD RESTAURANT

(Does not include lettuce, tomato or fruit).
Cost
Prices will vary, of course, depending upon area. It is quickly apparent, however, that the school cafeteria offers nutritionally balanced meals at a reasonable price.
Although parents are able to provide nutritious brown bag lunches, surveys indicate that most bag lunches contain soda pop, packaged cakes and other items of low nutrient density. Our dietitians recommend the school lunch program especially for elementary school youngsters because they know the meals offer excellent nutritional quality.
One good thing about each of the lunches above: they all include milk. Mothers should encourage youngsters (and the rest of the family, too) to pick up a carton of milk with their lunch when eating away from home. Milk makes the meal.

Parents: Take a kid to lunch and discover school lunches for yourself.
*Reference: Bonnie W. Polk, Office of Public Information, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S.D. A. 1982

## DaySeven

Entertaining is fun. Even on a budget. Day Seven includes a delightful dinner that guests will love. You might want to splurge with a little candlelight, flowers and soft music.

## BRUNCH

592 calories
Pink Grapefruit Half (1)
*Brunch Puff (1 square)
Tomato Wedge (3)
Ham Slice ( 1 oz .)
Milk (8 oz.)

## DINNER

803 calories

## *Budget Beef Bourguignon

Wide Egg Noodles ( $1 / 2$ cup, cooked)
French-Cut Green Beans ( $1 / 2$ cup, fresh or frozen)
Parkerhouse Roll ( 1 roll with 1 tsp.butter)
Apple Gelatin Dessert (1 serving) [dis-
solve 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin in $1 / 2$ cup cold apple juice. Add $3^{1 / 2}$ cups boiling apple juice. Pour into 8 individual molds. Chill until partially set. Add 2 tbsp. chopped red apple to each mold; chill until firm.] Serves 8.
Milk (8 oz.)

## 1,395 Total Calories

## *BRUNCH PUFF

8 whole wheat bread slices, cubed
1 cup ( 4 oz .) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
1 tbsp. butter
$1 / 2$ tsp. salt
$1 / 4$ tsp. onion powder
4 eggs, beaten
2 cups milk
$1 / 2$ tsp. dry mustard dash of ground red pepper

In a buttered 8 -inch square baking dish, layer $1 / 2$ of bread cubes and $1 / 2$ cup of cheese. Cook celery and onion in butter

5 minutes; place on top of bread and cheese layers. Layer remaining bread cubes and cheese. Mix together eggs, milk and seasonings; pour over casserole. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Bake at $350^{\circ}, 45-50$ minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut into 6 servings. Serves 6 .

## *BUDGET BEEF BOURGUIGNON

$11 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. boneless chuck, cut into 1-inch cubes
2 tbsp. butter
2 large onions, quartered
14 oz . can button mushrooms, drained or $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$. fresh, quartered
2 tbsp. cornstarch
16 oz . can tomato paste
1 cup red wine and $3 / 4$ cup sherry (or $1^{3 / 4}$ cup beef bouillon)
1 cup beef bouillon 1 bay leaf dash of pepper

In Dutch oven, brown meat in butter. Remove beef. Add onion and mushrooms, cook 10 minutes. Remove vegetables from pan. Add cornstarch and tomato paste, stir until blended; stir in wine and sherry or beef bouillon. Bring to boil. Add beef, vegetables, and remaining ingredients. Cover, simmer, $11 / 2$ hours or until done, stirring occasionally. Serves 6 .

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends using the basic food groups as a sensible dietary guide for sound nutrition. Choose a wide variety of foods, in moderation. Include milk with your meals because milk is one of the best sources of calcium, so necessary in bone maintenance.

## Fitness Forever Daily Food Guide

Establish a daily eating pattern that includes a variety of foods from each of the first four food groups.

Milk: Calcium, Riboflavin ( $\mathrm{B}_{2}$ ), Protein


Meat: Protein, Niacin, Iron, Thiamin ( $\mathrm{B}_{1}$ )


Fruit/Vegetable: Vitamins A and C


Grain: Carbohydrate, Thiamin $\left(\mathrm{B}_{1}\right)$, Iron, Niacin

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| Recommended Servings: |  |
| MILK | FRUIT/ |
| 2 Servings/Adults | VEGETABLE |
| 4Servings/Teens | 4Servings |
| 3 Servings/Children | GRAIN |
| MEAT | 4Servings |
| 2Servings |  |
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Others: Calories, Fats
Amounts should be determined by caloric needs

## The Basic Foods-Still Your Best Buy!

Thrifty consumers can save by careful planning and shopping. Read those ads.

- Milk. Always a good value. A super source of calcium plus many other important nutrients.
- Fruit and vegetables in season. Make the most of these vitamin A and C sources when they are abundant.
- Meat, Poultry, Fish. Look for advertised specials. Take advantage of good buys. Buy in quantity-freeze for later use.
- Eggs/Beans/Cheese. Three versatile foods that can extend main dishes and provide many beneficial nutrients.
- Bread/Cereals. Buy whole grain, fortified or enriched grain products.

Note: The "REAL" Seal, found only on real dairy foods, is your assurance that the product meets federal standards for dairy products.

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[^0]:    The menus in this weekly plan are based upon the U.S.D.A. low cost food plan, March, 1982 (Family Economics Review 3, 1982) for a family of four: a couple 20 to 54 years and children 6 to 8 years and 9 to 11 years. The cost of these menus was approximately $\$ 10.00$ per day from Phoenix, Arizona in August, 1982.

